

May 6, 1939.

Mr. Hank Rigney,
320 S. Detroit Ave.,
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Rigney:

I am enclosing you a copy of a portion of a letter I have just received from Mr. Gottlieb in Phila. It does seem to me that what he is asking is only fair after all. I believe we can lay the root of all the trouble on the door steps of Greenlee. While the Members of our League may be wrong in having any of the Crawford players in their possession, still if Mr. Greenlee had informed us in time, we would have no doubt made some disposition of the men involved. As matters stood, where a number of ball players with no assurance of a job, and the Members of the League of course did not want to lose the services of these valuable men to some outside interest. Now that things have progressed as far as they have, I do feel that money these men have been advancing should be returned to the people who advanced it to them. When they report to your Club, you can deduct these amounts in any way you see fit, the entire amount at once, or in small amounts each pay. Of course, if the owners felt like gambling with you they could send the men and trust you to reimburse them later, but technically they are not in my opinion wrong in demanding this money in advance.

Mr. Gottlieb, I can vouch for as being truly honest where financial matters are concerned, and I do not believe he would take any advantage of you so far as money is concerned. I would like to see you forward him the money for Williams and gamble on Williams reporting. I do not believe Williams is going any where, the South American thing seems to have died down, I understand that Harry Williams and Bankhead were really disappointed in not being sent for.

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In the case of the players who are now with the Grays, you most certainly do not have to trade them, it will just be necessary to take a very firm stand, and I am sure you will be backed up by the rest of the Members of the League.

We received a wire from Ruffin, saying he would arrive here Monday.

About the Hayes-Carter situation, I would suggest that you wire Phila and let me know what they say before I send Hayes West, as it will save you a lot of transportation if I can send him directly to Phila. I am planning to send Evand and Hayes Monday, so let me hear from you on this before they leave here.

Yours very truly,

AM:CCJ